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***Step By Step Ministries***

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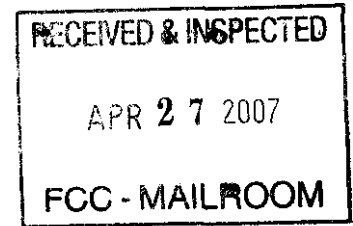
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## **“Blowing the Trumpet in Zion . . . Preparing the Way of the Lord”**

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April 26, 2007

Commission's Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743



### **Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements – Section 79.1(f)**

To Whom It May Concern:

Step By Step Ministries is a non-profit organization located at **815 S. Babcock Road**, Porter, IN 46304. The ministry has produced and will air one 30-minute program per week called, “The Shofar Man’s Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord International Conference.” The program is airing on Lesea Broadcasting and SkyAngel One. The program has been filmed, edit, and produced by unpaid volunteers.

Pursuant to FCC Section 19.1(f), Step By Step Ministries requests an exemption from closed captioning for “The Shofar Man’s Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord International Conference” due to undue burden:

**Nature and Cost of Closed Captioning for the Programming:**

Our programs would require being sent to a Closed Captioning service, such as CustomCaptions.Com at a rate of \$450 per 30-minute weekly program. This would equate to a cost of \$23,400 per year.

**Impact on the Operation of the Program Owner:**

“The Shofar Man’s Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord International Conference” is a religious program filmed, edited, and produced by Step By Step Ministries, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization of very limited means. The expense of Closed Captioning would be so great that Step By Step Ministries would not be able to afford to air the program, and the program would go off of the air.

**Financial Resources of the Program Owner:**

Step By Step Ministries is a small non-profit organization consisting of only two officers and three additional board members. The income of the ministry is so minute, that neither the officers nor the board members receive any compensation for their volunteer efforts.

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Types of Operations of the Program Owner:

The primary goal of Step By Step Ministries and “The Shofar Man’s Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord International Conference” Program is to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The ministry reaches people nationwide and internationally through the use of tapes, tracts, and door to door ministry.

Other Factors:

Pursuant to Section 79.1(d), “The Shofar Man’s Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord International Conference” is locally produced, has no repeat value, is of local public interest, and is not news programming. Furthermore, the “electronic news room” technique of captioning is unavailable.

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Sincerely,

*James T. Barbarossa*

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President